Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 25 Jan 2021 at 14:31 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold conditions to dominate through the period. Lower confidence for the details from Wednesday.

Headline for Tuesday 26 Jan 2021: Cold with hazy sunshine through morning before hill fog and snowfall sets in.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	50%	60%	80%	80%	60%	50%

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Weather: Patchy snowfall will become gradually more widespread through morning, bringing with it large areas of low cloud. Glen Coe may stay clearer until mid morning. Snow will become heavy through afternoon along with strengthening winds.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% around Glen Coe through morning, otherwise 10%..

Visibility: Extensive cloud above 300-500m, occasionally lower as snow become heavy. Best shelter across the far north, especially through morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	5/7 E	6/8 SE	8/10 SE	13/16 SE	16/21 SE	17/23 E	22/29 E	17/24 E	15/19 E
900	5/6 E	7/9 E	9/12 SE	13/16 SE	14/19 SE	16/22 SE	18/25 E	15/22 E	13/18 SE
600	3/5 NE	5/7 E	5/7 E	5/7 E	6/10 SE	11/15 E	14/21 E	9/14 E	7/11 SE
300	2/4 E	2/4 NE	3/4 NE	3/6 S	5/9 NE	6/11 NE	9/17 E	7/13 E	4/9 SE
Glen	3/6 E	3/7 E	3/8 E	3/9 E	4/13 E	8/17 E	8/18 E	5/13 E	5/13 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-9	-6/-10	-5/-10	-6/-12	-5/-12	-5/-12	-5/-14	-6/-13	-6/-12
900	-8/-12	-9/-14	-6/-12	-5/-11	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-10
600	-2/-4	-2/-5	-2/-5	-1/-4	-0/-3	-1/-5	0/-5	-1/-5	-1/-5
300	0/-1	-0/-2	-0/-2	0/-2	1/-1	1/-2	1/-3	1/-2	1/-2
Glen	0/-1	-0/-2	0/-2	1/-1	2/0	2/-1	2/-1	2/-1	2/-0
Freezing Level*	200m	100m	00m	00m	200m	300m	300m	400m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Bitterly cold with freezing levels towards Glen level. Poor visibility likely a significant hazard.

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Jan 2021
Weather: Thick cloud and a few snow flurries will slowly clear from the north through the day to bring clear conditions across northern ranges. Areas of cloud may linger across the south, especially Arran and The Trossachs before returning northwards again through evening, along with strengthening winds.

Maximum wind: East 10-20mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, improving 80% across Lochaber.

Visibility: Areas of cloud above around 300-500m and some snow flurries will limit visibility to a kilometre or so at times through morning and perhaps again through evening. Otherwise skies likely clearer through afternoon at least across the northern ranges.

Temperature: **Glens:** 1-3C.
At 800m: Minus 4 falling minus 8.
Freezing level: 200-400m, but 1000m across Arran and perhaps Mull.

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